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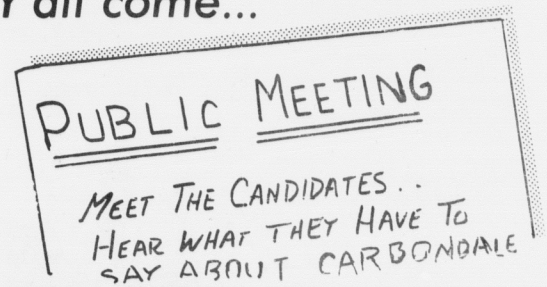

One organization which does not exist in the Carbondale area is the League of Women Voters. That's too bad. We could use a non-partisan organization like the "League" which is devoted to educating the public about political issues and the viewpoints held by elected officials and candidates for public office.

The Carbondale Historical Society, however, will attempt to accomplish much the same thing on April 7. The Historical Society will host a town meeting to introduce the mayoral candidates and city council candidates to the public and to learn something about each candidate's plans for the future of Carbondale.

Recently, a letter was mailed to each candidate which said:

"You are cordially invited to attend the Town Meeting ("Meet the Candidates"), sponsored by the Carbondale Historical Society, which will take place on Thursday, April 7, 1983, at 7 P.M., in the Social Hall of the Berean Baptist Church in Carbondale.

All candidates who have filed for the office of Mayor of Carbondale or for a seat on the Carbondale City Council in the 1983 election will be given equal time to speak on the following issues:

1. the Greater Carbondale Area's Economy: Now and in the future;

2. Carbondale's Main Street and Downtown: Now and in the future;

3. Historic Preservation in the Greater Carbondale Area.

A question and answer period will be held at this Town Meeting."

The thing which could make the Historical Society's good intentions foil would be the absence of the candidates. We hope that all of the candidates will recognize the importance of meeting the public which they propose to serve, and accept the Historical Society's invitation to express their views in public.

We further hope that our citizens show concern about the future of their city and attend the town meeting to learn more about the men and women who are running for office.